

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 and 8-42 were previously pending in the application. Claim 33 is canceled; and claims 19, 21-23, 25-26, 29, 32, and 34-35 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 8-32, and 34-42 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 2 of the final office action, the Examiner rejected claims 19, 32, 34-35, and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith. In paragraph 3, the Examiner stated that claims 1-6, 8-18, 36-38, and 41-42 "appear to comprise allowable subject matter." In paragraph 4, the Examiner objected to claims 20-31 and 33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable.

Claims 19 and 34-35 have been amended to recite that the claimed subject matter includes one or more of feature sets (a) through (i). Support for these amendments to claims 19 and 34-35 is found as follows:

Features

Feature set (a) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (b) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (c) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (d) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (e) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (f) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (g) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (h) in claims 19 and 34-35
Feature set (i) in claims 19 and 34-35

Support


Previously presented claim 20
Previously presented claim 21
Previously presented claim 22
Previously presented claim 23
Previously presented claim 25
Previously presented claim 26
Previously presented claim 29
Previously presented claim 31
Previously presented claims 32 and 33

Since the Examiner indicated that claims 20-23, 25, 26, 29, 31, and 33 were all directed to allowable subject matter, the Applicant submits that currently amended claims 19 and 34-35 are also allowable. Since claims 20-32 depend variously from claim 19, the Applicant submits further that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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